

A NEW NAME FOR *FULICA MINOR* SHUFELDT

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THE Pleistocene coot of Fossil Lake, Oregon, was briefly described and later figured by Shufeldt (1891, pp. 819, 820; 1892, p. 412, pl. 17, fig. 32) under the name *Fulica minor*, the type being a humerus, no. 3480 in the American Museum of Natural History. Howard (1946, p. 182) studied 161 bones from Fossil Lake and reduced the form to a temporal subspecies of the living American coot, as *Fulica americana minor* Shufeldt. Wetmore (1956, p. 57) subsequently reinstated it to full specific rank.

In any case the name is preoccupied by *Fulica minor* Brehm (1831, p. 711) for a South American species. For *Fulica minor* Shufeldt I therefore propose the new name *Fulica shufeldti*.

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